

House Resolution 198

By: Representative Barnard of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Howard A. Tyler as 2006 Officer of the Year and commending him for his
2 meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Howard A. Tyler, a senior manager and certified peace officer with the Alcohol
4 and Tobacco Division of the Georgia Department of Revenue, was selected by the Peace
5 Officers Association of Georgia to receive the 2006 Officer of the Year Award for
6 Meritorious Service; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Tyler exhibited meritorious service to others in providing immediate
8 emergency aid and coordination of relief efforts for victims stranded by the Hurricane
9 Katrina disaster; and

10 WHEREAS, the Tyler family never expected an emergency to occur the same day they were
11 attending an Emergency Medical Services conference in New Orleans, however, tragedy
12 struck as Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans that very day, leaving thousands
13 homeless and more than 1,600 people dead in its wake; and

14 WHEREAS, with extraordinary skill and tenacity, Howard Tyler unhesitatingly answered
15 the call to service, aiding New Orleans Port Authority Police during the pandemonium that
16 followed, and rendering first aid services to many victims with life threatening medical
17 needs; and

18 WHEREAS, Howard Tyler was instrumental in organizing and restoring order to the hotel
19 vicinity, quickly guiding hurricane victims to shelter, and relaying crucial information to
20 rescue personnel as well as to his staff at ATD headquarters; and

21 WHEREAS, after six grueling days in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Officer Tyler's
22 family and many others were safely evacuated, due in large part to his own valiant efforts;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, his unflinching resolve and dedication exemplify the highest ideals of public
2 service and bring great honor to all those who serve in law enforcement and to the State of
3 Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 this body hereby recognizes and commends Howard A. Tyler for his outstanding service to
6 his nation and its citizens and expresses to him its sincere appreciation for a job well done.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
8 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Howard A. Tyler.